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Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Washington, D. C. April 22 mg 1881

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Sir:

I have received your letter of the 20th inst. stating that the Assistant Treasurer, under date of the 19th inst., had informed you that he had received no instructions whatever about the course to be pursued in cases of reference by you to him of minor coins which have been forwarded to you for exchange for 5 cent nickels, and that under Department Circular 29, he is authorized to pay out any minor coins not needed for the business of the Office, in exchange for legal tender notes only." I observe, from your statement of Minor Coinage operations for the month ending March 31st, 1881, you had on hand in 5 cent nickel pieces a balance in the redemption fund of \$2369.85 and a balance in the exchange fund of \$1601.45. I will thank you to inform me whether these coins are suitable for reissue and if not, I shall, in order to accommodate the public who desire to exchange other minor coins for 5 cent nickels, request authority, from the Secretary of the Treasury, for you to coin \$5000 in those pieces.

Very respectfully, Horatio C. Burchard Director.

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